

war with members of our armed services deployed to hot zones in Iraq and Afghanistan. While these two conflicts are challenging, we are committed to staying the course and assisting the new governments in creating democratic institutions. Second, the long overdue World War II Memorial will finally be dedicated this Saturday to honor arguably the "greatest generation" of Americans. This is a fitting tribute to the millions of veterans who served overseas as well as those civilians who worked on the home front.

At this time, I would like to make special mention of a constituent of mine who recently lost his life in Iraq. Marine Corporal Kevin T. Kolm of Hicksville died last month while serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom. Once again, I would like to offer my deepest sympathies to Kevin's family. There is nothing more honorable or praiseworthy than serving one's country. It is because of brave servicemen like Kevin Kolm that our country will remain free and proud.

**MEMORIAL DAY 2004: HONORING
THE MEN AND WOMEN OF OUR
ARMED FORCES**

HON. ANDER CRENSHAW

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 1, 2004

Mr. CRENSHAW. Mr. Speaker, this past Memorial Day, as we paid tribute to the men and women who fought and died to preserve our freedoms in the past, our Nation is at war, and once again, members of our military are paying the ultimate sacrifice. This Memorial Day as we gathered in our towns to pay tributes to the sacrifices of those from past wars, we also remembered the burdens of the soldiers and sailors who followed in their footsteps and serve us today.

As in all battles, soldiers and sailors do not go to war to become heroes. They do not fight because they enjoy the heat of battle. They do not die because they do not love life. They go to war because we, as a Nation, ask them to go and because they are honorable. They go because they believe deeply in the cause of freedom, and they understand the evils of terrorism and the threats it presents to our independence. They die because their lives are taken from them on battlefields. Nevertheless, the loss of even one life weighs heavily on my heart and the heart of every American.

Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom have once again brought our young men and women to the front lines of battle. And, as in the past, at the core of America's military are the same type of men and women, who like their ancestors, have answered the call to arms. And like you, they will draw strength from those who served before them. On D-Day, General Dwight Eisenhower spoke to the troops and said, "You are about to embark upon the great crusade toward which we have striven these many months. The eyes of the world are upon you. . . . I have full confidence in your courage, devotion to duty and skill in battle." These same words are as true today as they were on June 6, 1944.

This Memorial Day, as in the past, we gathered in cemeteries and in parks across America. In Washington, D.C., we dedicated the long overdue World War II Memorial. We read

markers and inscriptions that pay honor to our brave patriots. But, the living commemoration for them is not etched in stone on walls or tombstones but in the hearts of free men and women.

To the men and women who have served our nation so well, thank you for all that you have done for our country, continue to do to rekindle the memories of those who are no longer with us, and the support you give to those who carry the burden this day.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 1, 2004

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall Nos. 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, and 152, on May 6, 2004, I was unable to cast my vote because I was attending my son's commissioning as a Second Lieutenant in the Army National Guard as well as his graduation at Clemson University.

Had I been present, I would have voted the following:

Rollcall 147, Ordering the Previous Question on Providing for Consideration on Deploring the Abuse of Persons in United States Custody in Iraq, I would have voted "aye."

Rollcall 148, the Motion to Instruct Conferees to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard for Fiscal Year 2004, to amend various laws administered by the Coast Guard, and for other purposes, I would have voted "aye."

Rollcall 149, the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree on Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the urgent need for freedom, democratic reform, and international monitoring of elections, human rights, and religious liberty in the Lao People's Democratic Republic, I would have voted "aye."

Rollcall 150, on Agreeing to the Resolution on Deploring the Abuse of Persons in United States Custody in Iraq, I would have voted "aye."

Rollcall 151, the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree on Expressing the Sense of Congress regarding the arbitrary detention of Dr. Wang Bingzhang by the Government of the People's Republic of China and urging his immediate release, I would have voted "aye."

Rollcall 152, the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree on Expressing the Concern of Congress over Iran's development of the means to produce nuclear weapons, I would have voted "aye."

**RETIREMENT OF BUDDY AND PAT
DEAS**

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 1, 2004

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is a great honor for me to rise today to recognize the retirement of Buddy and Pat Deas. For over 35 years, Buddy taught students of all ages, and his wife Pat was by his side in the classroom during much of that time.

I had the great privilege of learning from Mr. Deas in my high school agriculture class. As a teacher, Mr. Deas always believed in "focusing on the student rather than the subject being taught," and that "while the subject matter is important, it is often the media through which we can teach those larger lessons of life." Buddy Deas emphasized the civic duties each of us has to our nation, and why it is important to always think of ways to help others.

Buddy also influenced me in many areas other than agriculture. In fact, he taught me about public speaking and parliamentary procedure. Without that early influence and knowledge, it is difficult to imagine where I would be today. As a mentor, he taught me how to use these skills; as a friend he taught me why I should use these skills to work for other people. Buddy transcended many areas of education as he coached state champion public speakers and state champion agriculture mechanics teams. He also encouraged others to take up teaching, and even supervised student teachers as they came into their new profession. Furthermore, he taught me other life skills that I continue to use today. Outside of my own parents and God, Buddy Deas had the single largest influence on me as a young man.

Mrs. Deas has been recognized on more than one occasion as an exceptional school volunteer. She and her husband worked exceptionally well together, not just as husband and wife, but also as teachers in the same classroom. In 1993, Alachua County, Florida, recognized Mrs. Deas as its Outstanding School Volunteer of the year. The very same year, she was named the Outstanding School Volunteer for the 19-county Crown Region of the State of Florida. Mrs. Deas was one of 15 school volunteers from around the state recognized at the Commissioner of Education's Outstanding School Volunteer Awards Banquet.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I would like to congratulate and offer my sincere commendation to Buddy and Pat Deas for reaching out and touching the lives of thousands of our nation's young people.

**TRIBUTE TO KATHLEEN HYNEMAN
ELAM**

HON. JOHN S. TANNER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 1, 2004

Mr. TANNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a remarkable woman, Kathleen Hyneman Elam, who will turn 90 on June 10th.

After graduation from high school in Corinth, Mississippi, Kathleen Hyneman moved to Washington, D.C. to work at the Treasury Department where she became a supervisor. She also met the love of her life while in Washington, Thomas French Elam. They were married in 1945 in Washington and later moved to Union City, Tennessee.

She and her husband, Colonel Tom, quickly became stalwarts of the community, encouraging businesses to move to the area. They were instrumental in getting the Goodyear Company to locate a plant in the area and it today remains one of the largest employers in Obion County. Kathleen was right by her husband's side in this endeavor, always ready to